

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **September 25, 2008** @ 4:30

Santa Barbara Police Department
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Rodriguez, Lennon, Signor, Atkins, and Lauritsen

Staff Present: Chief Sanchez, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, Fire Chief Ron Prince and Secretary, Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Lauritsen to approve minutes of **August 28, 2008**

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

Tamara Erickson handed out reports to everyone regarding noise complaints at Madison's and O'Malley's. Tamara hired a company to conduct an acoustical report. Tamara will do a monthly log.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Signor took offense at Council's comments regarding what the Fire & Police Commissioners roll is with regards to Dance Permits.

Commissioner Lauritsen re-read the dance ordinance and mentioned that it reads the Commission "shall deny a permit" followed by the word "only" and then it categorizes 5 different areas. He also stated that in 3 of the 4 appeals brought before Council in his 8 months on the Commission, the Commissions decision was upheld.

Commissioner Rodriguez stated that he changed his decision because he felt the Commission was to "harsh" on Madison's in denying their permit.

Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez stated that one of the concerns/complaints of the City Council was that there were no written findings of the decision. Because of this, she is going to provide a written decision in the future which will meet the findings that are articulated in the code.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez announced the necessity of at least one of the Commissioners being in attendance at the next appeal hearing of Julio Maganda and his Taxi Driver Permit denial. This appeal is being held on October 7, 2008. The Council had expressed their concern that no Commissioners in attendance at the Brick's appeal. Commissioners Lauritsen and Signor stated that would most likely be at the appeal.

7. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR ELECTION:

MOTION: To elect John Lauritsen Chair and Pat Lennon Vice-Chair of the Commission until the next election in July of 2009.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Points of Discussion:

- Preparedness Disaster Open House at Station 6 on Saturday from 10:00-1:00. Commissioners are welcome; teach people how to use fire extinguishers, shut off utilities, etc.; City TV is also filming 30 minute segments on disaster preparedness to teach people how to do different activities to prepare their home during a disaster.
- So far this year, (3 months into the year), the FD has exceeded their revenue expectations for off district responses; over 1.3 million dollars have been sent out primarily to USFS and also to state OES; \$100,000 of this represents revenue over expenditures
- Hydro mulching taking place in the mountains to keep ash down when it rains
- Since May, the Department has averaged 200 safety inspections per month, this has been a successful program; some violations but this is mostly an educational process
- Station 1 progress: Asbestos abatement completed; back ramp completed; by Spring, personnel will move out of the trailers and back into the second floor; the first floor will then be demolished; preliminary design being done on a new Emergency Operating Center; 3 weeks behind the overall schedule; hopefully in the building by next summer.

9. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Points of Discussion:

- 3 Cadets starting the Academy and will graduate in 14 weeks
- 6 Cadets will hopefully be starting the Academy in January
- Several retirements coming; the DCOP, 2 Captains and 2 or 3 Sergeants
- Open entry testing this last Saturday; several hundred applicants; 50% passed; normally to get 5 or 6 candidates it is necessary to go through approximately 100 people
- Juarez murder trial is continuing in Judge Hill's courtroom (Note: Verdict of Voluntary Manslaughter brought in by jury today, October 15, 2008)
- Two more murder trials coming up soon; these are juveniles being tried as adults

Notes: Commissioner Lauritsen will not be present at next meeting.

10. ADJOURN: 4:48